

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 10, and 12 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-14 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 8 as amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention is now believed to be allowable.

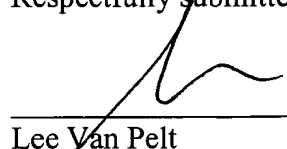
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nagao et. al. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Nagao discloses TV conference devices capable of exchanging moving picture images wherein parameters indicate the quality of the moving picture images. Nagao does not disclose a low bandwidth output that includes an abstract representational communication. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 9-12, as amended, are believed to be allowable.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagao. Claims 8, 13, and 14 depend from claim 1 and as amended are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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